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Beneficial Awards Go To Coburn Agency, Joel Gold

The HAL J. COBURN AGENCY of Beneficial Life Insurance Company was recently awarded a President's Plaque for being one of the top four agencies in the Company. Jay Horrocks, Senior Vice President of Beneficial Life and Frank Moscon, Director of Agencies, and his wife Loya, were to make the award to the members of the Agency which has its headquarters in the Hayward City Center, Hayward, California.

Also receiving an award was Joel P. Gold, 2nd Counselor in the Hayward Stake Presidency. He received the award for achieving membership on the select President's Council. The veteran Beneficial consultant was among the top four consultants in the entire Company. Mr. Gold has received this award for two years in a row and is the only member on the Council to return from last year.

Our local area will now have two representatives on this nine member Council since Hal J. Coburn, C.L.U. will also sit on the Council as a winner of a plaque. The awards were presented at a dinner given in honor of the Agency and Joel P. Gold at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant on the San Leandro Marina. There were 46 present when the awards were presented.

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BYU Dancers Win Acclaim In Europe

Members of the famous Brigham Young University Ballroom Dance Team returned to their homes throughout United States the week of June 16 after winning international prizes and acclaim in Europe.

The eight BYU couples, coached by Roy and June Mavor, are the first U.S. team ever to enter the international competition, which is a major event in European capitals.

The precision dancing group captured the British Formation Ballroom Championship in Blackpool, England, before 6,000 spectators on May 18, the challenge cup in formation dancing at the World Ballroom Dance Championships in Royal Albert Hall in London on May 28, and presented an exhibition in Latin dancing at Berlin on May 30. They also danced an exhibition in Manchester, England.

The program in London was televised by BBC, and it is estimated that over 50 million viewers saw the BYU team perform.

School Chorus Of America To Appear Here August 17

This great and wonderful organization will be at our LDS Interstake Auditorium August 17th 1971. there are 119 in the band and 68 in the chorus. Each year they go to Europe and play in England, France, Germany and Italy. They have received gold medals at Blankenberge, Brussels Como, Mantovo, Mulhouse, Monte Carlo, Nervi Osteude, Strasbourg and Venice.

They played last year in our auditorium and thrilled our people.

Tickets for this great musical event will go on sale in a few days. The price of tickets is $2.00 per person. Invite your non-member friends. Write Bill Evans, 3424 64th Avenue, Place, Apt. D. Oakland, California. Phone: (415) 635-4915.

Heidelberg, Germany says "American Band and Chorus are fine ambassadors". D Handy, Mayor of Guiford, England: "Please accept our thanks here in Guilford for the fine concert you gave. Everyone was very impressed with the performance of the School Band of America and the School Chorus of America.

A Letter Of Appreciation

"We members of Yakima (Washington) Institute of Religion wish to thank with all our hearts Melvin and Cheryl Lewis for the warm, gracious hospitality they extended to us on our recent excursion to the Oakland Temple. The eighteen of us, along with Director and Mrs. Alfred Pace, are most appreciative of the lodging and meals we had in your home; for your aid in our sightseeing tours of your beautiful and exciting bay area. We shall never forget a memorable excursion made possible by your thoughtfulness, and know those of the spirit realms do also praise your good names for what has been done for them.

Yours most sincerely,
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Airline Crash Claims Sixteen LDS Victims

From the California Intermountain News

Nine prominent business and legal leaders of Utah were among the victims of the Tragic air collision of an Air West plane with a Marine jet on Sunday, June 6.

Returning from a fishing excursion, the deceased executives were: Robert E. Schoenhals, a prominent attorney and Korean War veteran; S Earle Smith, a representative for J. W. Brown Co., of Seattle, Wash. and member of the LDS Men's Professional Assn.; John K. Mangum, senior partner in the law firm of Prince, Mangum, Yeates and Miller, and husband of Alice A. Wilkinson, daughter of Pres. Ernest L. Wilkinson of BYU; W. Prescott Dunn Jr., executive with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc.; C. Preston Allen. attorney and director of Amalgamated Sugar Company, Pyke Mfg. Co., American Paper and Supply, and Hall Process Co., Thornton Morris, Jr., president of Keyser & Morris Insurance; Charles and Frank Pyke, and their cousin, Wallace H. Pyke, all executives with the Pyke Mfg. Co.; all of these men were graduates of Utah State and alumni of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, who have participated in the annual fishing trip for more than a decade.

Other LDS in the disaster were Glen L. Hunter, LDS sophomore at Cottonwood High School; Steven Bos, a BYU graduate and recent missionary in the Eastern States Mission; a BYU coed, Kethleen D. Thomas and her mother Mrs. R. Carson, from Simi; Mrs. Ruth Green Davidson, and her daughter, Kristy, 2; and Mrs. Darlene Garcia.

San Leandro Stake

Girls Await Camp Liahona

by Rayann Clawson

The Girl's Camp for the San Leandro Stake this year will be from July 3 thru July 10. For many years the girls have spent this week of fun at Camp Liahona, a beautiful secluded area in the mountains, not too many miles from Pinecrest, California.

This year, as with the last two years, San Francisco Stake will be using Camp Liahona at the same time. Many of the girls in each stake are anxious about seeng old friends that they met last year.

It was necessary this year to raise the cost of attending camp to $30.00. But, the girls all agree that their stay at camp is well worth it. This money pays for transportation by bus both ways, three huge, delicious meals each day for a week, supplies the girls use to make crafts, the use of all the facilities, the camp picture and the Camp Memories Book. In addition, it will pay for the badges and letters for completed certification.

Girls who attend the camp go through four different years of certification and after that are able to be Junior Counselors, and later Counselors. Requirements they pass include; using axes properly to chop wood, pitching tents, administering first aid, tieing knots, etc. They also learn how to survive during emergencies in the mountains, which they apply to two over-night five mile hikes. One being one night and the other for two nights.

Camp Liahona is not all work as it would seem. There are many more times of fun and enjoyment. Each night there is singing around a campfire with girls putting on skits and initiating new girls.

The camp program in the church is truely inspired by God. The leaders who go to camp have only one reason for going and that is LOVE. They love the young women in camp and they love the camping program. If they did not, they would not take the time from their families to spend a week there.

Geneology Conference August 2-6

From the Church Information Service

The exciting Sixth Annual Genealogical Research Seminar will be held Aug. 2-6 at Brigham Young University.

The bulk of the expected 1,500 persons will be Church members, but the seminar is open to everyone interested in research.

Special emphasis will be placed on English records, but attention also will be given records of Spanish-speaking countries, American Indian. Canada, Scotland, Ireland, Sweeden, Finland and America.

The faculty will consist of some of the best genealogical experts in the country, including John I. Coddington. A former college professor from New Jersey, he is noted for his knowledge of the movement of people in the 13 original colonies of the U. S. David Kennedy, ambassador-at-large for President Nixon, will be a banquet speaker.

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Missionary Open House A Success In Berkeley

June 11, 1971 will long be a night to be remembered by members of the Oakland 3rd Ward of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake. A missionary open house, under the sponsorship of the Seventies Quorum, was held with over 500 people in attendance, the majority of them being non-member guests.

After assembling in the chapel and being introduced to the church and its origin, a short program was given conducted by Sherman Thompson. Bishop M. Dee Smith welcomed the guests and Richard King, a prominent church singer, rendered two solos.

Tours were then conducted by capable guides under the supervision of Roy Patchen, a recent convert to the church. Here the guests were able to view a church film and observe demonstrations of the activities offered by the auxiliary organizations.

At the conclusion of the tours everyone assembled in the auditorium of the Inter-Stake Center where beautiful organ music was played by Robert Douglas and his son, Scott , both of Oakland 3rd Ward. The drapes were then drawn to expose a view of the Cultural Hall. Fresh flowers decorated the tables which were laden with a buffet supper. A large dove covered with white carnations overlooked a modernistic fountain of copper depicting the theme "Love is The Gospel Jesus Christ."

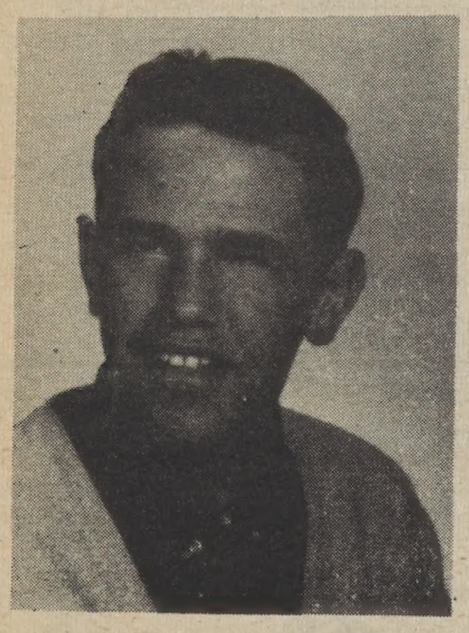
President and Sister Wilbur Cox were presented with a beautiful silver tray and a cake depicting the Oakland Temple in appreciation of their dedicated services in the California Central Mission.

This most successful evening was under the direction of Sherman Thompson as Chairman and his co-chairman Richard Alder and Henry (Hank) Brown. The decorations were under the auspices of Eddie Phillips, Wallace and Isabelle Morgan and the food under the direction of Yvonne Phillips.

Steven E. Stokes Called

Elder Steven E. Stokes, of Martinez Ward, has left to join in the service of the Lord. He is now serving on the North Indian Mission in South Dakota.

Elder Stokes is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. William P. Stokes of Martinez Ward. He was born in Oakland,



California and raised in Contra Costa County. He attended Hercules Elementary School, Valley Junior High School, and graduated from College Park High School in 1969. Elder Stokes has a good background for his missionary work as he has completed four years of Seminary, graduating in 1969. He received his Duty to God Award in 1968 and eight individual awards. He served as secretary to the Priest Quorum in Aaronic Priesthood. He has been active in dance festivals and in road shows.

A. L. Hopkins, Plumbing Contractors Award Scholarships Here

Norman Lescure, president of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of Contra Costa County presented $2,000 in scholarships to ten graduating high school seniors at a luncheon held at the Boundary Oaks Restaurant, Walnut Creek on June 14, 1971. The $2000 in scholarships were to the second annual awards to be presented by the Contra Costa Association.

Mr. Norman Lescure, President; Mr. A. L. "Bud" Hopkins, of Oakland Berkeley Stake, and Mr. William Cawley, Secretary-Treasurer, are the officers of the Plumbing contractors Association, representing all of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Contra Costa County.

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Martinez

By LaVerne Corsi

Martinez Ward is full of youth enthusiasm. They are beautiful and exciting. their cooperation level simply has to be the highest anywhere. This reporter has been sticking her news nose in here and there watching as different auxiliary leaders and workers asked help of them. Never, but never, did I see anything other than positive enthuasiam to help. Martinez Ward has the real "Love Children" -- ask any Ward member.

Myrna Vaughn has graciously accepted the calling of 1st Counselor in Primary. Primary is grateful to her for accepting this call.

Phillip andCarma Carlson have a new son in their family. His name is Roland Andrew.

We hope Teresa Peters is feeling better by now. She is now home from her recent stay in Martinez Community hospital.

The Adventurers ecently spent a week-end uba diving at Fort Ross. hey were instructed by avid Peale and Neil oss. the group was successful in their first salt water dive. They're scheduled soon for an overnight campout at Paradise.

Brent Frogget and Sam Hodnett have been ordained Priests. David Duke was ordained an Elder and Harry Hult a High Priest. It's really beautiful to see our Priesthood growing like this.

Graduating from the teacher Development course in our Ward were William Honett, Dir., Donna Ross, Ellen Welches, Carma Carlson, Linda Kennedy and Sharon Ehlermeir. Congratulations.

Congraulations are also in order for three of our MIA girls who earned their Personal Achievement Awards. They are Vivian Wardle, Shirley Chester, and Neva Begay.

Close to Home

The Ward News In Review

Daly City

By Corinne N. O'Neal

Scene of summer light operas,picnics, group and family gatherings, Sigmund Stern Grove, a natural, woodsy area cuddled and loved, in the heart of cosmopolitan San Francisco, was the locale for the Scout-Beehive Breakfast, June 5th. Early starters. . . . they were preparing pancakes, ham, fruit cups by 7:30 a.m.

Later the young people chose sides and had great fun in competitive sports . . . mostly kickball. It was a fun activity, appreciated and needed.

The Oakland Coliseum was the location for the recent Scoutorama, in which Daly City Scouts participated in the timber-Towers-Tepee-Tents category. They also st up a model camp site . . . with a fake fire.

Scoutmaster William Smith wishes to recognize Jeff Kapovich, who was selected as Summer Camp Counselor, which is indeed a singular honor. This is particularly congratulatory inasmuch as Jeff, who has for some time been a member of the Daly City Scouts, will soon be baptized.

Welcome aboard, Jeff!

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Oakland 3rd

By Charlotte H. Smith

There have been several changes in the auxiliary organizations of the ward. Rhean Griffin was sustained as Homemaking Counselor in the Relief Society. James Christensen is a new Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School. John Freeman is the Assistant Executive Secretary.

We had ten students graduate from Seminary the latter part of May. A special program was held in honor of the graduating students. We congratulate them all.

Fast and testimony meeting was a time for blessing three new babies in our ward. There were a son of Frank and Donna Foed a son of Dean and Shelley Soper and a daughter of Ralph and Margaret Lewis. Corina Lynn Shocky and Holly Staley Ross were both confirmed members of the church at this meeting. They were eight-year-old children who had been baptized the night before.

Congratulations are in order for Henry (Hank) Brown and Marilyn Lish who were married in the Oakland Temple on June 19 1971. A reception followed in the Oakland 3rd Ward Cultural Hall. Hank is the activity counselor in the YMMIA and Marilyn is employed locally. They are both members of Oakland 3rd Ward.

Karen Couch daughter of Doreen couch Edwards underwent open heart surgery on June 8. Karen is only six years old. At this writing she is recovering from this serious operation. Shirley Simons is also improving for which we are very grateful.

The young men of our ward received 3rd place in the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Field Day held at Skyline High School. Ribbons were presented in Sacrament Meeting on June 13.

We have heard from Elder Greg Kitchen who is now a Branch President in Bolivia Mission. Elder Koeli Maile writes from the Tongan Mission and tells of their having 108 converts into the church there. We have also heard from Tom Johnston in the Cumorah Mission and he is meeting with success in that area.

We congratulate the Seniors who are graduating this year. They are Alis Kioa, Renea Smith, Gordon Matney end Eric Fernsten.

San Leandro 2nd

by Charlene L. Hathaway

It's a mod, mod, world. for all those attending the Relief society Fashion show will know exactly what is meant by that theme. it was a truly tremendous success. One of the necest shows that has ever been presented in our wards.

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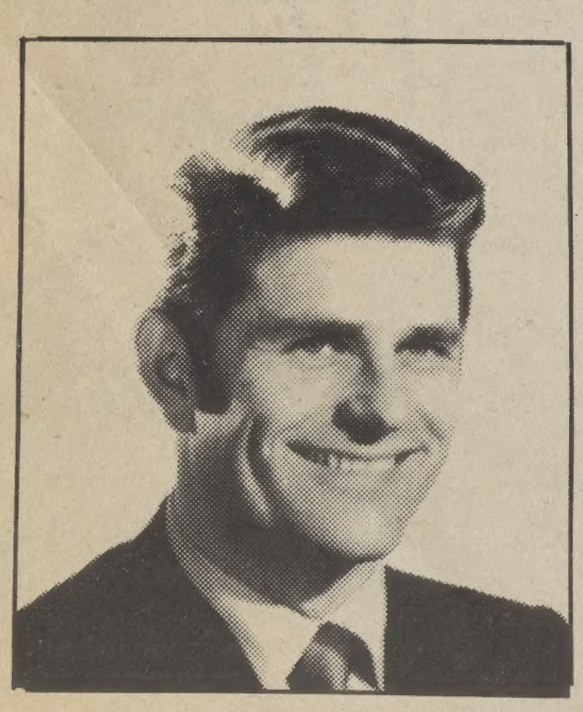

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San Leandro

outfits, ranging from sports wear to evening gowns. Two of the most unusual were Puletasi's modelled by our very attractive sister Sissy Fanene. Her accessories were exquisite. Every model was so lovely and the hours of time spent in the making of their outfits could not be numbered here. We are truly proud of these sisters and the talents they share with us each springtime.

Sister Doris Hansen was the narrator, and as always gave an outstanding description of each outfit. Sister Dorothy Marshall assisted her in coordinating the models. Avon Peart, Virginia Wakefield, Leone Sulsberg, Helen Rhoades, Gladys Cheney, Pauline Ewald and Florence Jones did the very lovely and colorful decorations for the tables, programs and invitations.

Our Relief society presidency was changed recently from president Beryl Whitesides, Eunice Hollingshaus, and Betty Galleria to Pres. Irene Finlaysen, Beatrice Norda and Betty Allphin. We thank the past presidency for their years of dedicated service and also congratulate the new presidency and wish them well in their new callings.

Last month the names of Rodney Jackson and Cheryl Lieurance were deleted from the list of College Graduates. We congratulate these young people along with all others who are working to attain this goal.

Mission

by Leonard W. Cryer

On May 30, 1971, changes were made in the Mission Ward Bishopric. Released as 1st Counselor was Ronald G. Schwendinger. Released as 2nd Copunselor was Gaurdello L. Hunter.

Sustained as new counselors to Bishop Harry D. Raub were Gaurdello L. Hunter, as 1st Counselor, and Bruce W. Humphreys, as new 2nd Counselor.

An Elder prior to his call into the Bishopric, Brother Humphreys was serving as the Ward Teacher Development Director.

A member of the ward for a year, he was reared on a farm in southeastern Idaho, in a small community called Liberty. He served a mission in the Northern States Mission from 1954 to 1956. He attended the L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City for 12 months and B.Y.U. for 2 years. He served 2 years in the U.S. Army, and, while stationed in Germany, served as an L.D.S. Serviceman's Group Leader. He has always tried to be active in the Church. He has served as an Elders Quorum President, a Ward Clerk, Sundat School Superintendent in two different wards and also as a counselor in two other Sunday School Superindentendencies.

On March 6, 1971, he was married to Hazel Christensen, from Oak City, Utah, in the Manti Temple.

Brother Humphreys is an accountant by profession. He was employed by the American Oil Co. in Salt Lake City, Utah, before moving to San Francisco, in June, 1970. He is now employed as Supervisor of Accounts Payable at the Head Office of Dean Witter and Co.

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LDS Navymen 'Take The Church With Them'

FLIGHT DECK of the Midway (aircraft carrier). Left to right: Daniel R. Heap, Secretary. Blaine M. Lyon, Jr., Counselor. Mike Rutledge, Group Leader, and Maurice L. Robison, Coordinator.

Church members are admonished to "take the Church with them wherever they may go", and this applies even to our military men. They are expected to attend meetings at the nearest ward or branch wherever they may be, and if none is available, they are urged to find one or more other LDS men in the service and HOLD A MEETING OF THEIR OWN.

The effect of this instruction is to bolster the faith of our service men, to keep them occupied in a wholesome way during their leisure time, to make them in effect missionaries for the Church while they are in the service, and to give them the protection of unity. This program has resulted in a sizeable number of convert baptisms, in addition to the comfort and support enjoyed by the Mormon men.

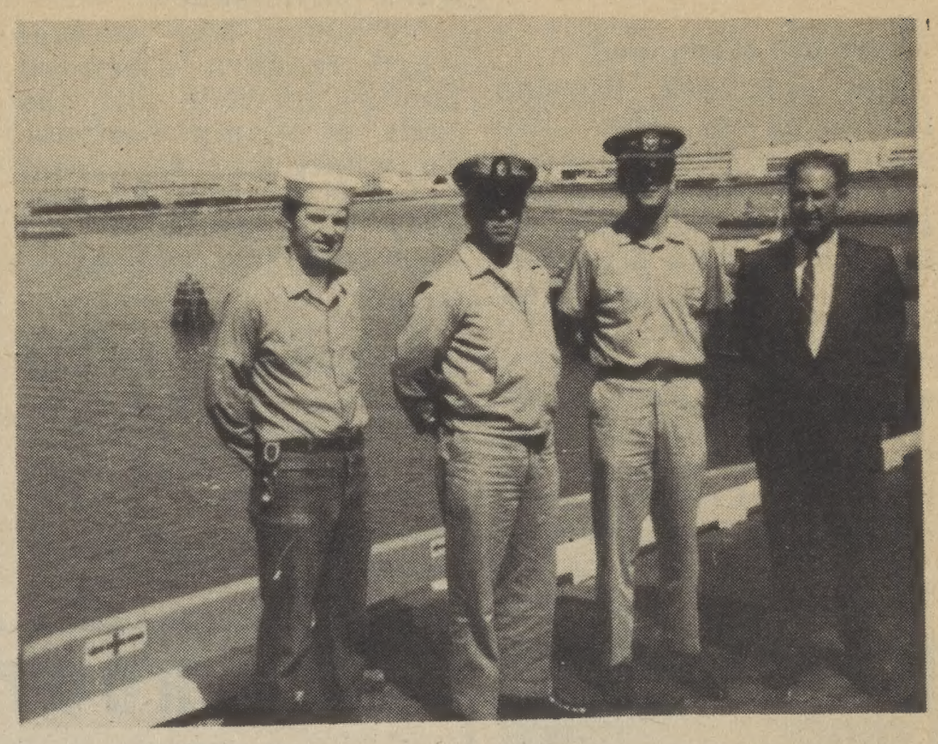
To implement the program, Servicemen Coordinators (on the High Counselor level) are appointed in the various stakes of the Church where military establishments are located viz. training bases, hospitals, embarkation points, sea ports etc. It is the assignment of the coordinators to meet with the LDS men, appoint "Group Leaders", instruct and train them, and see that meetings are held for those who are restricted to the base or quarters. They also supply them to hold meetings.

One of these coordinators in the Bay Area is Maurice "Lee" Robison of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Council. He is frequently assisted by two brethren who previously, in turn, had the same assignment: Thys Winkel and George H. Pinckney of Alameda. These men look after the Church's fighting men at the Coast Guard and Naval Air Stations in Alameda.

We were invited to attend church services aboard the U.S.S. Midway recently before it left Alameda for another tour of duty in the Far East waters which could extend for more than a year. The "Chapel" located well below deck was the smallest we have ever observed, with a seating capacity of exactly sixteen. It is actually a stateroom with stained glass at one end directly in front of the bulkhead with electric lights to give the illusion of an outside window. Actually the room is only 10 by 20 feet which seems very small but probably is adequate for many occasions since the men work in shifts and are not usually available to attend in large numbers.

On this particular day, the ship was swarming like an anthill as the personnel struggled with last minute preparations to load the ship for its departure the following day. Jet fighters were being loaded on the flight deck by the huge gantry cranes, after having been completely overhauled at the local air station.

Brother Robison "appointed"two more Group Leaders, a Sacrament Meeting was held and some of the men were invited to bear their testimonies. The meeting was closed by singing "God be with you 'till we meet again" which succeeded in bringing a lump to the throat. We were at once proud of our Mormon men going off on such a long cruise and the church for its wise and effective program.



Brother "Lee" Robison, Servicemen's Coordinator, aboard the USS Midway with some of the Mormon men who attended Church services prior to the ship's departure for the Orient.

Indian Students Depart For Reservation Homes

Having completed the school year approximately 1100 young Indians departed from five California location Friday June 18th, for their reservation homes.

Participants in the Indian Student Placement Program of The Church, the youth represent some 20 tribes. They returned to reservations in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Buses departed from Church centers in Van Nuys, Pomona, Fullerton, San Diego, and Oakland between 7:00 and 9:30 P.M. During the school year, the Indians, all Mormons are a part of foster Mormon families. Some of the students return annually throughout their school years.

Designed to increase educational, spiritual, social and cultural opportunities for the reservation youth, the Program is directed by the Social Services Department of the Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. The California headquarters are in North Hollywood with Richard E. Black as Director. The four California Area Supervisors are: George G. Wollaston - Upland; Doyle L. Kotter - Fullerton; A. Garner Oleson - Fremont; and Margaret M. Keller - Main Office, North Hollywood.

Marion G. Romney of the Council of Twelve is Chairman of the Social Services Department which was organized in 1969 and now has licensed agencies in nine states and Canada. Marvin J. Ashton Assistant to the Twelve, is the Managing Director. Clarence R. Bishop, a recently appointed Associate Director, will attend a two-day seminar for the California Agency personnel June 21 and 22, 1971 in North Hollywood.

The Indian Student Placement Program is a part of the Church's overall "Lamanite" program.

Attention Bishops

Examine the CLOSE TO HOME section of this month's Messenger. Do you see your Ward there? If not, it is because you have forgotten to appoint a reporter in your Ward to send news to The Messenger.

Coverage of Ward news is not the job of our editorial staff; it is a publicity and missionary opportunity of the individual Ward leadership. It is important that your ward members see the news of their Ward in print, especially the inactives and semi-actives. Please help us do a better job of publishing your Ward's activities by appointing a capable, dependable reporter to write to us each month. Have your reporter follow the instructions below.

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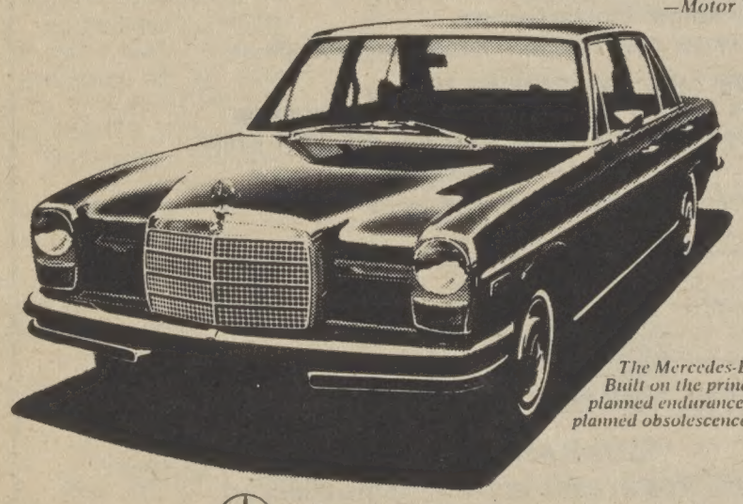

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Close to Home - Ward News in Review

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Balboa

By Bill Marquardt

Up and over Russian Hill, down the hill overlooking the Alcatraz Island, to the end of the Hyde line rode the enthusiastic group attending On the preceeding Saturday June 19, the regular Stake farm assignment or work on the the MIA social on June 22nd. after getting off the hill-climber, they visited the quaint shops that characterize Ghirardelli Square. Almost everyone attending seemed to enjoy the "school's out" party, according to the Balboa Ward participants.

On July 4th, several ward leaders attended Sunday services with the girls at Camp Liahona. To finance their stay from July 3rd to 10th, the MIA girls babysat and sold hand made ties for father's day.

On July 17th a ward party and talent show is planned. The following weekend Friday July 23rd and saturday July 24th, two pioneer day celebrations are tentatively scheduled.

El Cerrito

Under the leadership of Bishop Leo S. Gill, the El Cerrito membership continues to grow. Among the newest converts are Sister Pauline Smith; her daughter, Jackie, and two grandchildren, Annette and Mike who were baptized on June 12th. Sister Hansen was baptized on May 29th. John and James Anderson were confirmed as members on Sunday, June 6th. The Ward also welcomed the new daughter of Tracy and Elizabeth Hall.

Michael and Stephanie Cluff who have been very active in the Ward - Michael serving in the Elder's Quorum Presidency, and Stephanie who was our Primary President-have left our Ward and will be working and serivng the Lord as members of the Martinez Ward. We wish them and their two sons, Myles and Adam, many blessings in their new home.

Robert Paul, son of George and Lizabeth Russ was blessed by his father on June 6th. April Elaine, duaghter of Ruth and Allen Houseworth, was blessed y her father on the same ate.

Among those accepting calls to serve in the Ward were: Wesley Turner Instructor, Adult Aaronic Priesthood Class and Asst. Gen. Secretary, Adult Aaronic Priesthood.

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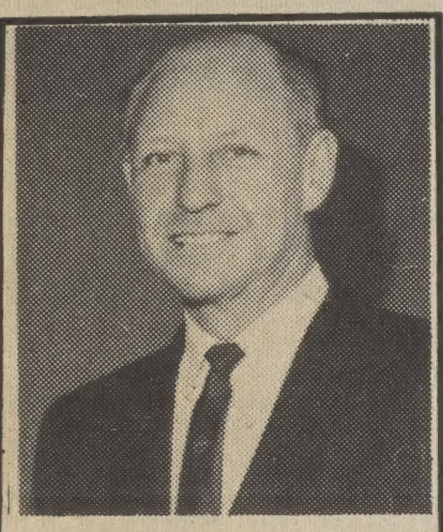

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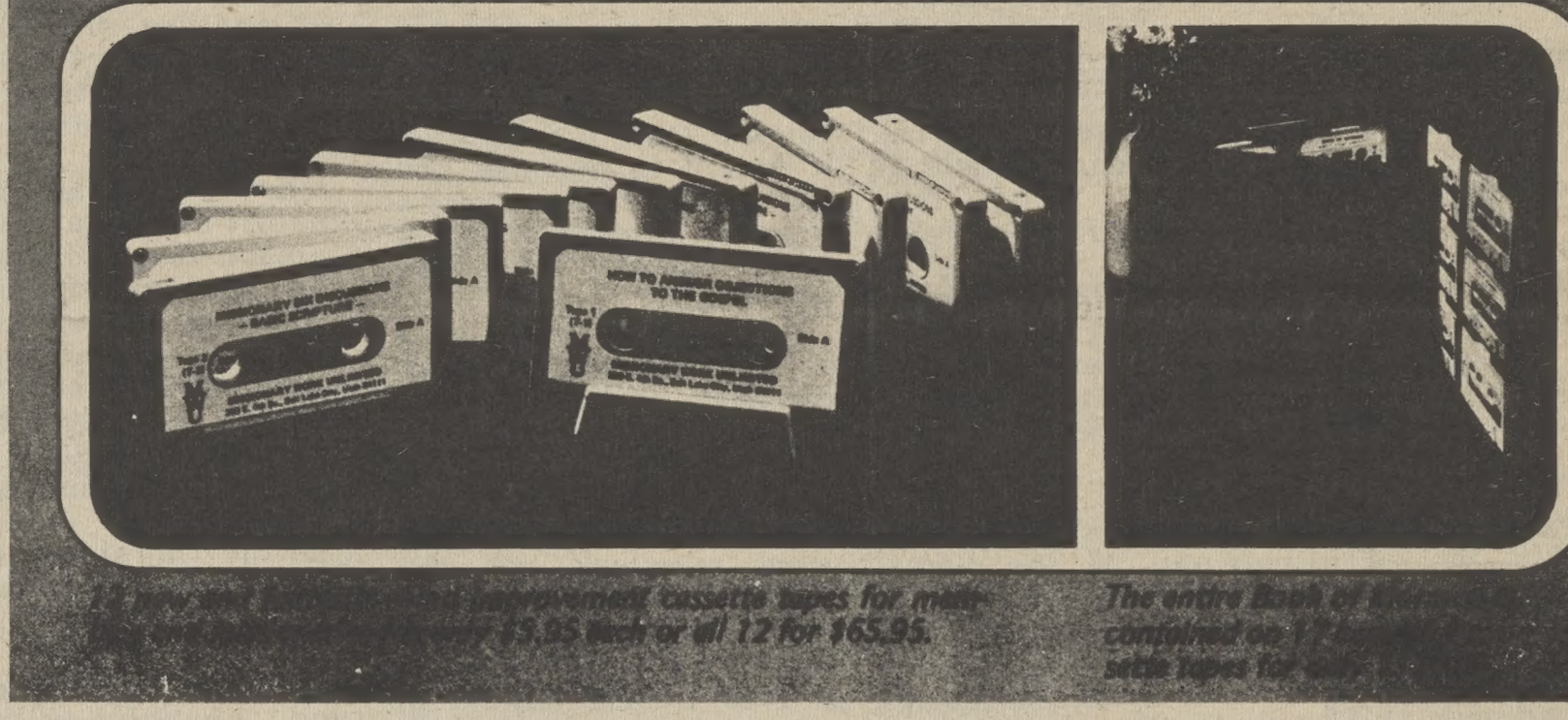

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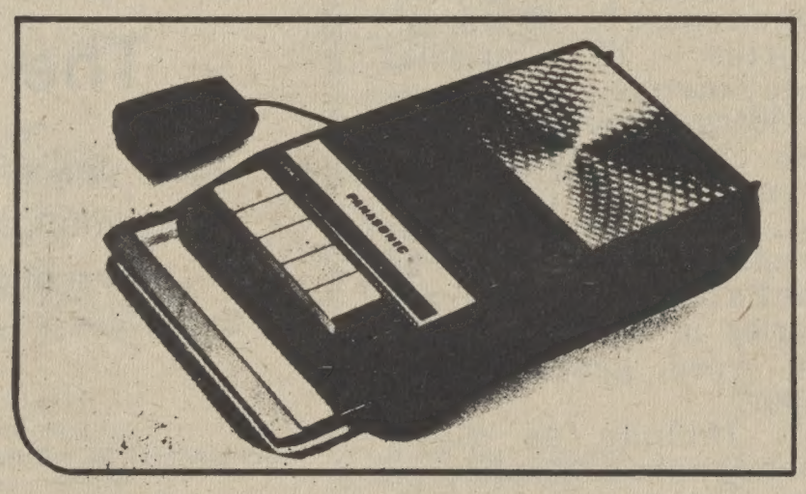

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Ward News In Review

El Cerrito

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Florence Turner and Cheryl Morrill, Counselors; Leila Wilkins, Secretary; Martha Gill and Jannie Hanks as Primary Workers, and Sidne O' Reilly as the Primary Music Director. New members of the Elders Quorum are Ken Hanks, President and Sandy Watts and Gordon Cain as Counselors. The new 70's Group leader is Herbert Layton. Judy Rogers is the new Ward Librarian.

San Leandro

by Elizabeth W. Frye

Probably the happiest person in San Leandro Ward is Debbie Kracl who has just been reunited with her sister Barbara Uphoff. The two were separated when three and five years of age being adopted by different families.

After four years of searching Debbie was able to locate her sister. The story of this search and how she finally was able to locate her, is almost unbelievable. An instance or two recalled from childhood, searching old death records, marriage licenses, car registration, etc., as well as help from the police department, led to this most happy reunion.

Sister Kracl told the story in full when the Young Marrieds met at the home of sister Catherine Marsh on Sunday, June 20. The story will appear in the San Leandro Ward news bulletin called "The Word".

Baptisms and blessings: Melidee Jones was baptized on June 5. she is the daughter of Robert and DoDean jones.

Christa atkinson, a new convert, was baptized and her daughter Lore Ann blessed.

Angela Rose, also a new convert, and wife of Tom Rose, was baptized and their baby William David Rose was blessed.

Joseph McKissack, son of Jack and Judy McKissack, was blessed. Also receiving a blessing was Charles LaReaux, son of Vincent and Sharon La Reaux.

Ordinations: Stan Thompsen was ordained to the office of priest. George Waldon also ordained to the office of priest.

In the Primary there was a change in the Presidency. Judy McKissack was released as first counselor, and Irene Felt was sustained as first counselor.

There has also been a change in the sunday School Superintendency. Jack McKissach was set apart as Second Counselor to take the place of Curt McCollam whho has been called to the Office of Seventy and as a Stake Missionary.

Richard Jensen has been set part as the MIA Aaronic Priesthood Secretary.

Bay

Island Park, Idaho was home base for a one week explorer camping trip June 25-July 3. Six explorers made the trip with their leader, LaVar Cardon. Enroute to Idaho they stopped in Salt Lake City for June Conference--attended the dance festival and Sunday Morning session of conference. Activities at Island Park included fishing, water skiing and canoeing--climaxed with a visit to Yellowstone National Park.

Bob Lewis and Ken Stevens have recently been called and accepted key positions in ward leadership. Bob will serve as second counselor to Bishop Newell, replacing Tony Morgan who moved to the East Bay. Ken is the new Executive

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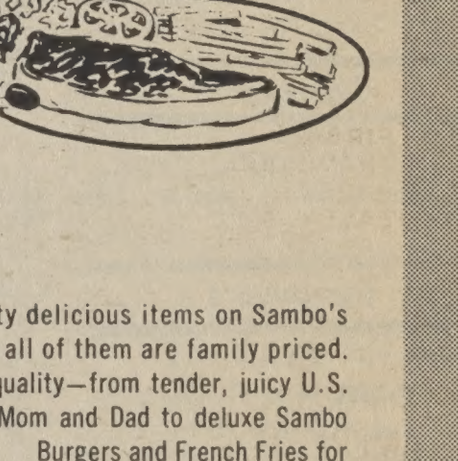

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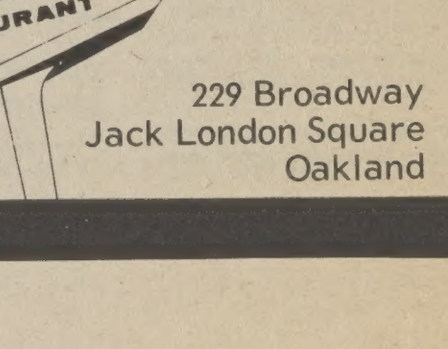

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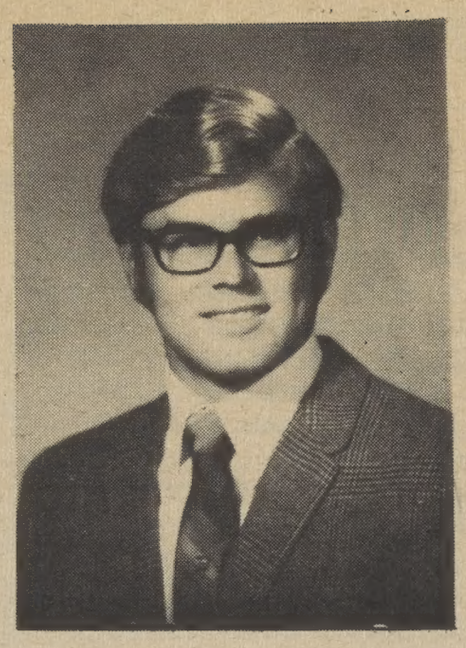

FORREST BODILY

Forrest Bodily Called To New Zealand

New Zealand North is where Forrest was called to serve on a two-year mission. He is the son of Brother Dan and Sister Anita Bodily of 2804 Parkside Drive, Fremont, California.

Forrest is a graduate from Washington High School in Fremont, where he was active on the football and swimming teams. For the past year and a half, he has attended Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho.

He has a married brother, Brian, who also served on a mission, and a married sister, Karen. Forrest is a member of the Fremont 1st Ward.

Reed B. Ashby Earns Duty To God Award

Reed B. Ashby, the son of Dr. Armis J. Ashby and Sr. Leland H. Ashby, was presented the Duty to God award at a sacrament meeting this past month. Bishop M. Dee Smith made the presentation and complimented Reed on the outstanding achievement he had made.

Reed is a member of the Oakland 3rd Ward. He is sixteen years of age and a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood. He attends Skyline High School and is in the Sophomore class. He enjoys sports and also working on electronics and sound with his father. He puts on "light shows" with two of his fellow priests and Eagle Scouts.

REED AHSBY-Duty to God award.

Yes, Reed is just waiting for the next Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts when he will receive his Eagle Scout award. He completed the requirements for the Duty to God award while a member of the Oakland Ward, following a precedent set by five of his now fellow priests. We are proud of Reed and others who have earned these awards.

Bay

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Secretary replacing Rich Wagner who has graduated from law school and moved from the city.

Sweet and sour pork, chow mein and chicken salad were among the dishes at a six course Chinesse dinner held recently. The food was prepared by ward member Sister Nancy Nim-Chi Yan. Some members sat Japanese-style on the floor and tried their hand at using chopsticks.

Young marrieds, under the leadership of Chris Peterson, have started out the summer with a rash of activities. Following a volleyball game last month, the group enjoyed an Italian dinner featuring lasagne and garlic bread. The most recent of the Young Marrieds' firesides had John Ritchie as guest speaker on the subject, "Mormon History of San Francisco."

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Mormon Notes

This month's column is written by Summer Hymas, The Messenger's far-flung correspondent.

Deal Me Mormon

The electric excitement of people jerking slot machine levers, exchanging cards and chips, tossing dice, twirling roulette wheels, and ordering drinks, is a complete contradiction to the warm calmness of people quietly pumping gas and renting motels in the small, predominately Mormon community comprising the rest of the town of Wendover.

This strange paradoxical nature of Wendover is perfectly represented by the Don McEntire family. Since they are very active in the Morman church, which is basically opposed to gambling and drinking, it is extremely surprising to find that Don is a dealer at the Stateline Casino. One doesn't run across a situation like that every day!

There seems to be no apparant antagonism in the town with the Mormons and gambling. Whether or not the members of the Church would just as soon the gambling didn't exist in the town is a matter of many varied personal opinions. However, since the aspect of gambling is the glue holding the town economically together, the quiet people of the gas stations, the motels and the church are mighty grateful. Live and let live.

"I deal cards at the Stateline and I'm very active in the Mormon Church," said Don. "No one ever looks down on me because of my job, it is like any other. Only people who indulge in gambling are the ones throwing away their time and money."

Evidently Don's wife, Francis, used to wish the situation had never occurred. "At first I didn't want to move from Ogden. There really isn't too much out here. I worried about the gambling environment for my children, and I was ashamed of my husbands job at first. I would never tell people where he worked! But then, like my husband says, wherever you go you can find whatever you want to find."

A bit defensively Don mentioned that he could have found work anywhere, but with seven children to provide for, one doesn't work just anywhere. "I had an offer of a job as a credit manager in a bank in Ogden. It paid $350 less than what I'm making now, and it paid pretty good. They pay higher here than any other gambling establishment in the state of Nevada. Including tips, I average about $1000 a month, which is nothing to sneeze at, expecially in a place like this where you can't spend any of it unless you gamble."

A dealer is the cogwheel behind the total enchanting operation of gambling. What does he think and feel while he's working? Usually people are too worried about amassing their fortunes to wonder about the guy on the other side of the gametable.

Dealing is never boring to Don unless he's dealing to just one person, betting one dollar at a time. "I get hypnotized. I know it's going to be a dollar next time, and next time, and next time. Sometimes I feel like just grabbing his chips and sticking them all out there!"

When asked if he ever had any exciting experiences as a dealer, Don replied, "We try to avoid exciting experiences! The ideal shift is when nothing happens. Sometimes, though, people get tough. They have it fixed in their minds that by some stroke of magic I can make them win, but I can't. I couldn't deal crooked to anyone, even my own brother. I couldn't make him win. Yet, some people, after winning four hands, will get unhappy if I win two. They usually do alright for a while, until they start losing, then their character changes. The nice people don't change. But some have a thin veneer, and when things are going badly they crack that veneer and their true character shows. It's just as if their fangs were coming out and the hair growing on their faces."

Gambling and excitement is the game in Wendover, Nevada; but religion and tolerance is the game in Wendover, Utah. . .neither one conflicting with the other. Don McEntire, playing the paradox, deals his cards as sincerely as he lives his religion.

Day-Old Child

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So I can tell you about God."

My day-old baby's mouth was still
And my words only tickled his ear.
But a kind of a light passed through his eyes,
And I saw this thought appear:

"How I wish I had a voice and words;
I've a hundred things to say.
Before I forget I'd tell you of God...
I left him yesterday."

-Carol Lynn Pearson

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The Main Forum

The Gospel in Perspective

"Yes, I do believe in miracles, Sister Miller. Sammy Brown has come to Sunday school three times in a row now."

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Golden Gate Saints

A History Of The Church In Northern California.....Part 16

As the Mormon colony in the Bay Area slowly disintegrated after the Brannan Fiasco, the names left behind were evidence of the Church's early beginnings here.

Some Mormon names were subsequently changed: Mormon Road in Tuolumne county became Slumgullion road (hardly an improvement); Mt. Joseph Smith became Mt. Palomar, site of the world-famous telescope.

Mormon settlers gave the name Brooklyn to the town which later became known as Oakland. Brooklyn township included the area we know as East Oakland, where modern California Mormons constructed the Oakland Temple and Interstake Center.

A SLOW SECOND BEGINNING

The Utah War ushered in a period of persecution lasting more than thirty years, during which the orderly expansion of the Church was severely curtailed. Whipping-boy during this troubled era was the practice of plural marriage; however, this was merely the smoke-screen thrown up by the Gentile minority in Utah in a bitter struggle for economic and political control of the territory. The Mormons owned the land and had the votes; but the Gentiles controlled the wealth, and, by preventing Utah from becoming a state, could maintain political control through Federal officials appointed in Washington to run Utah's affairs. At the height of the frenzy the LDS Church was dissolved as a legal corporation, and its sacred buildings put up for rent by the U.S. Marshall.

Small wonder that California Mormonism got a slow start after the shattering of its pioneer colony.

Beginnings of the California Mission have been traced back to the late 1880s, when in response to the request of a former Mormon of Oakland for missionaries in the area, Church President Wilford Woodruff asked two members who were moving from Utah to California to call on the family. J.W. Pickett Mark Lindsay subsequently called on Alfred J. Nethercott in Oakland, and through this contact several members of the family were baptized, and also a family friend, Norman B. Phillips.

Phillips was one of six members when Oakland Branch was organized October 1, 1891 under direction of John L. Dalton, the first missionary called to California after the early period. Other members of the branch were Joseph Nattress, president; Dr. John Peter Phillip Vandenbergh and James Peter Jorgensen, counselors; Vandenbergh's wife, Harriet, and Jorgensen's wife, Flora. Phillips became branch clerk.

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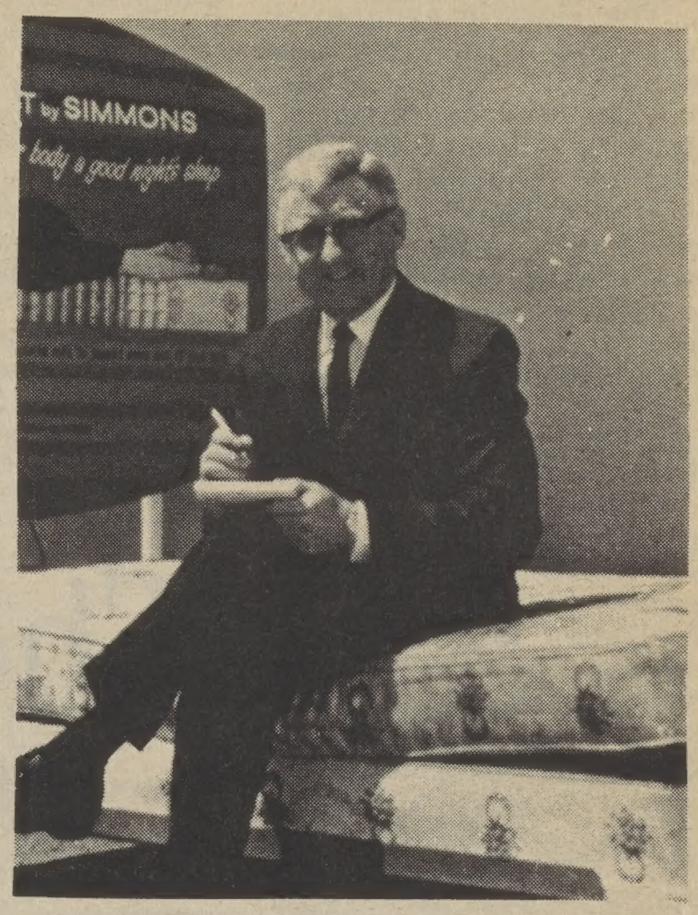

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